

North Carolina WIRELESS 911 BOARD

George Bakolia, Chair

Carolyn H. Carter, Vice Chair

January 30, 2006

Dear Finance Director,

The Wireless 911 Board policies for PSAP shares of Wireless 911 funds (the "PSAP Fund Policies") provide that a reasonable portion of the PSAP's total budget for allowable expenses may be paid from Wireless 911 funds for those expenditures that will enhance but are not required for compliance with Phase I or Phase II of wireless E911 service. The policy further provides that a reasonable portion is deemed to be the percentage of 911 calls which are wireless. The percentage is based on the North Carolina average. At the January 27, 2006 meeting of the North Carolina Wireless 911 Board, the allocator for <u>the fiscal year 2006 -2007</u> was voted to remain at <u>50%</u>.

Thus, for those expenses that are shared between wireline and wireless E911 service, 50% of the total cost may be paid from the Wireless 911 fund. If the expenditure is required to comply with Phase I or Phase II of wireless E911 service, 100% of the cost may be allocated to wireless 911 funds. The following is from the Wireless 911 Board's Policy and Procedures (2.a).

a) The Wireless 911 Board ("the Board") recognizes that some hardware, software and database provisioning may be used for both wireline and Wireless Enhanced 911 service. Expenses that are solely incurred to enable a PSAP to receive and utilize the data elements necessary for wireless Phase I or Phase II compliance may be fully paid from a PSAP's wireless fund distribution., Additionally, a reasonable portion (determined by the Board) of a PSAP's wireless fund distribution may be used to pay for eligible expenses that benefit wireline and wireless Enhanced 911 as a cost of providing Wireless Enhanced 911 service. The presumptive reasonable allocator of these expenses will be a percentage determined by the Board. The Board will establish the percentage based upon the average ratio of wireline to wireless 911 calls reported in North Carolina at the time of the review. If any local government operating an eligible PSAP believes that the Board determined percentage is not an appropriate allocator, it may follow the Board's procedures for clarification and exceptions.

A complete copy of the Wireless 911 Board Fund Policies can be located on our web site at www.ncwireless911.org Should you have any questions concerning this procedure or with any other aspect of Wireless E911, please feel free to contact me at 252-672-7580.

Sincerely,

Richard Taylor, ENP Executive Director

Cc: Communications Director